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ABSTRACT

This book offers 60 stimulating, classroom-tested activities to instill a love of literature and help young learners develop as readers, writers, and speakers. By using picture books, novels, or even nonfiction readings as starting points, the reproducible worksheets in the book can be implemented to strengthen students' entire spectrum of language arts skills. Designed around the International Reading Association/National Council of Teachers of English (IRA/NCTE) Standards, the book is divided into three sections of 20 projects that emphasize particular standards. The first section of reading and writing activities includes projects such as composing letters to book characters, and authors, essays, and news stories. The second section offers projects to reinforce representing and viewing standards--some of these visual display projects include creating poster ads for books; designing book covers, comic strips, murals, and travel brochures; and structuring "Book vs. Movie" charts. The final section of speaking and listening activities has students creating poems, songs, and dramatizations; role playing; dramatizing scenes; holding live interviews; and presenting "thumbs up/thumbs down" book reviews. Each project in the book features a guidelines page that explains the activity's purpose and how best to implement the project as well as variations to accommodate students with different learning styles and suggestions for assessing and grading student efforts. (NKA)

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